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# News Release

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## **International fugitive wanted for heroin trafficking caught by ICE in New Jersey** *- Albanian man is fugitive from justice wanted by Interpol -*

PATERSON, N.J. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in New Jersey have arrested Myslim Llacja, an Albanian man wanted by authorities in Italy on charges of heroin trafficking, after finding out the 38-year-old was hiding in the Paterson area.

Llacja was convicted of heroin trafficking in Italy and was sentenced to serve eight years in prison. He fled Italy before serving that sentence. During interviews Llacja admitted to ICE agents that he entered the United States illegally across the southwest border about two years ago and has been hiding out ever since. ICE special agents arrested him Friday evening while he was a passenger in a vehicle.

Kyle Hutchins, Special Agent in Charge of ICE's office of investigations in Newark said, "The level of cooperation between Interpol, police in other nations and ICE is extremely high, making it very difficult for criminals to avoid capture." Hutchins thanked the FBI for assistance in the case.

Llacja is the subject of an Interpol "Red Notice." Interpol issues "Red Notices" on fugitives who are the subjects of active arrest warrants in cases where extradition will be requested by another country. He has also been charged with being illegally present in the United States, and he will remain in ICE custody pending a hearing before an immigration judge.

# ICE #

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